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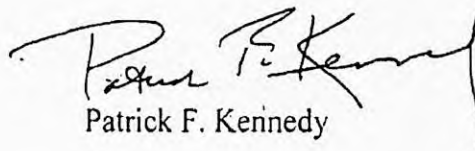
Dear Mr. Kendall:

I am writing in response to your letter dated June 15, 2015. We understand that in light of preservation requests by the Select Committee on Benghazi and the Inspectors General for the Department of State and for the Intelligence Committee that you consider it necessary for your firm to retain intact master copies of the PST file containing the e-mails previously produced to the Department on December 5, 2014. In light of the recent upgrade of the e-mail referenced in your letter, the Department must be assured, consistent with Executive Order 13526, that your firm has controls and safeguards in place to ensure that any classified information is processed and stored so as to provide adequate protection and prevent access by unauthorized persons.

Accordingly, please provide by June 22 the name of a point of contact who can meet with a Department information security expert to review controls and safeguards at your firm.

Finally, please be advised that we are making arrangements to return the 1,246 e-mails that the National Archives and Records Administration has determined not to be federal records.

Sincerely,



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